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Mr. Gompers' Convention.

By Victor L. Berger.

TO understand fully the fight made by Socialistic union men in the convention of the American Federation of Labor, one must take into consideration how the convention is made up. The American Federation of Labor is a voluntary confederation of national and international unions. If a national union wants to withdraw there is really no way to force it back into the fold—especially if such a union has no "label" to boom.

For instance, the Mine Workers and the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers have withdrawn in the past without suffering much injury from such act. The big railroad brotherhoods are still out, and all attempts to coax them into the fold have failed so far. Of course, for unions with a "label" that depends on the patronage of other union men, a charter from the American Federation of Labor means something. And as capitalism develops, all unions will sooner or later be welded into one big labor organization.

Under the present conditions the national and international officers of the various unions are by far the most important element in the convention. They are usually reelected every year—some of them are even delegates by virtue of their offices. These unions have one vote for every one hundred members of their respective unions, so it can be seen that they have a large voting power. For instance, the miners' delegation has over 2370 votes, and the carpenters have 1,637 votes. The miners' delegation has not changed more than one or two men in ten years—and the same condition prevails in most of the other unions. Now all the big unions are represented in the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, the council having enlarged whenever the occasion required it, to make this possible. It is even claimed that at least one national union is paying a per capita for 50,000 members without having the membership, in order to retain "the prestige" and the seat in the Executive Council.

Another very numerous and very influential element in the convention, is made up of the general organizers of the American Federation of Labor. They are men who are doing very necessary and very good work in the trades union movement. But they seem to find it necessary to have themselves elected to the conventions, and there they form as effective a "claque" for Mr. Gompers as any actor in a Bowery theater ever had.

These general organizers do the "hissing" and the applauding, move the "previous question," and attend to all the other little but telling work of the machine. The general organizers depend upon Gompers, by whom they are appointed, for their living, and naturally he controls them entirely.

The third and last element are the delegates of the central bodies of states and cities, of the Federal Unions, and of unions not having a national organization. They have only one vote each. The State Federation of the state of New York and the central body of Kentucky have the same vote.

Now, under these conditions, while we had over 313 delegates in Minneapolis, I was told that about a dozen men controlled the voting power of the convention.

It is true that as a rule the vote is simply an "aye" and "no" vote, yet everybody knows that if there was any proposition of importance, or one where the power of the executive council would come into question, a "roll call" would be demanded. And while there were a goodly number of Socialists and Socialist sympathizers in the convention, most of them did not dare to open their mouths, because they depended on favors from Gompers and the executive council—they had "axes to grind," as one of them who is a member of the party expressed it.

The principal issue in the last convention was the declaration of Gompers concerning the part that the trades unions should take in politics.

It has been the avowed policy of the American Federation of Labor not to mingle in politics—that is, on the face of it; because in reality the American Federation of Labor always was in politics head over heels.

But this time Gompers held that the policy forbidding politics in the trades unions meant that it forbids partisan politics. He said the Federation ought to go into politics on what he called non-partisan lines, which means that a unionist should vote for a Republican in one district, and for a Democrat in another.

We held that the moment a union man votes either the Republican or Democratic ticket, he is voting a partisan ticket, only he is voting for partisans of the capitalistic class, which both parties represent, standing for the existing system. In our opinion if the Federation was to go into politics at all, it was to be politics on class lines. A unionist should vote on election day just for the interests of the working class, exactly as he is working for his class in the trades unions, and this would require, since we do not want the trades unions to be used as a political machine, an independent labor party.

Gompers' position meant that we ought to get promises from the representatives of the old parties, the congressmen and other officeholders, and to support those on election day that promise most.

We declared that before election every capitalistic politician would promise everything, and has promised in the past, but the moment he gets to Washington, he is under the control of Joe Cannon on the Republican side, or John Sharp Williams on the Democratic side, both of whom are party whips for the capitalists. The Republican or Democratic congressman could not do anything for labor even if he really tried to. Therefore we told Mr. Gompers, if he only wanted promises, he could get all he wanted.

Gompers then made personal attacks upon the writer.

He picked up a statement that appeared in the *SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC HERALD* in December last year, describing him as a "self-complacent old fool," and he tried to make the most out of that phrase instead of answering our arguments. Gompers vehemently charged the Socialists with trying to disrupt the trades unions, and, of course, the whole crowd of his supporters applauded. He had not only the advantage of a good "claque," but as the last man to speak—he always is—he was allowed to take practically all the time he desired for his speech, without anybody troubling himself about making a motion to suspend the rules. In fact he held the entire convention after the time of adjournment had arrived, just to listen to his harangue. The whole affair was not only very undignified and actor-like, but a keen observer could notice all afternoon how the scenery was being built up. Yet it was unnecessary, since Gompers had the votes and the crowd with him to begin with, and he could well afford to be dignified. But it appeared as if Gompers wanted to show the world, and especially the reporters present, that he was the czar and the omnipotent ruler of the American Federation of Labor.

I will give Gompers credit for several things, though. He is changing his position, and not only so far as the participation in politics is concerned. For instance, he was always considered a "craft autonomist," who believed that every national union had jurisdiction over its craft only. But this time when Victor L. Berger's resolutions in favor of industrialism came up he took special pains to explain that he was not a craft autonomist, and that most, if not all national unions, are more or less based on industrial lines and comprised all kinds of crafts working in that industry.

And Gompers had mighty good reasons for changing his position on the question of craft autonomy.

The big and strong unions are swallowing the smaller and weaker organizations in spite of all the American Federation of Labor can do. A striking example is that of the carpenters who at this convention benevolently assimilated the woodworkers, although all decisions of the Federation during the last ten years were in favor of the woodworkers. But the carpenters swallowed them up by sheer strength.

So it is clear that we are bound to get "industrialism" of some sort. There is a tendency towards the formation of a huge labor trust. This cannot be stopped. It will come without question. Now we want to bring about this inevitable unification of labor forces by civil-

All Germany, except the officials, is now laughing over what is known as the Koepnick hoax, in which an ex-convict looted a city treasury by impersonating a captain, had the unsuspecting assistance of the military and the police force, and got away before the fraud was discovered. The man, Wilhelm Voigt had been unable to live honestly because of the German system of police supervision. He spent months in watching the habits and manners of the soldiery and convinced himself, that the uniforms were everything and that it made no difference who was inside. He then bought the uniform of a captain of the First Regiment of Infantry at a second hand store and after putting the clothes on halted a detachment of grenadier guards that was returning from the drill grounds and ordered them to follow him at once on an expedition to make an important arrest under the orders of the kaiser. They were unsuspecting and obeyed him like sheep. They went with him by train to the small city of Koepnick, on the outskirts of Berlin. There he ordered them to fix bayonets and march to the town hall. Halting at the telephone exchange he ordered the trembling official in charge to cut off communications with the capital for two hours under pain of the kaiser's displeasure. His uniform hypnotized the official, as it did everyone else. Next he ordered the chief of police to place a squad of police round the town hall to keep the crowd away, and this also was done. So that the police actually stood on guard while the bogus captain made a prisoner of the burgomaster and sent him to Berlin under guard. He then rifled the town treasury under pretext of taking the funds for comparison with the official records and got away with his booty without being suspected. Later he was identified by means of a photograph he had been foolish enough to have taken some months before, and arrested.

Although Voigt will probably spend the balance of his life in prison, he is regarded by the public as a sort of hero, not only for the audacity of his exploit, but because of the blow he has given the fetish of the military uniform. He has made a sort of comic opera spectacle of the military bureaucracy, which the people chafe under and they feel that they owe him a debt of gratitude for the blow he has struck. In the military red tape circles there is chagrin and anger, but the people are convulsed, and if the matter were put to vote Voigt would probably go free. He is looked on as a victim of the police code who was hounded into the crime, and stories of the good side of his character are being told, among others of how he sacrificed his days in nursing a young girl dying of consumption who had need of friends.

Whatever does Teddy mean by "preachers of mere discontent?" How idle would "mere discontent" be, how unaccountable, when a whole people are plunged in the misery of an unfit social system. Preachers of mere discontent (and we suppose he has that in mind) may preach discontent without sincerity, but how in the name of common sense can such preachers get an audience unless real discontent is rife? And isn't it odd that the president cannot calmly discuss an

ized and constructive methods, instead of by a continuous warfare and jurisdiction fights.

Therefore we want some sort of plan of industrial organization of the trades unions. We do not care particularly by what plan this is brought about. We proposed a plan to the convention, which was to create allied trades councils and to have interchange of union cards, but we do not insist that this is the only plan.

But the entire idea was opposed and voted down by the wizards in convention assembled, because it was supposed to be "Socialistic," although as a matter of fact Socialism has no more to do with "industrialism" than it has with "craft autonomy." Such questions are purely trades union matters.

We shall say more about the convention in our next issue.

economic question without falling into the eminently capitalistic habit of calling hot names such as "sinister demagogues" and "foolish visionaries" and the like? But the editor of the Milwaukee *Sentinel* explains this. "In a word, Mr. Roosevelt would combat and starve out revolutionary radicalism by remedying the abuses it feeds upon. Every wrong killed is one weapon less for the agitator." In other words, Mr. Roosevelt is a partisan for the capitalist class, and as such comes naturally by the terms of hatred and apprehension with which that class seeks to condemn the spokesmen of the subject class. What he says under the sub-title of Capital and Labor takes up about a newspaper column, but when the epithets are taken out of it there are only a few hundred words left. So it is clear that he is swayed with the class passions of the capitalists. And by this he confesses that he is not dispassionately discussing the greatest problem now before the people with the courage that a state paper should evidence, but that he is using his office, in the way that in his judgment seems wisest, to help save the plundering class from the revolt of the plundered. In other words, he believes that the only way to keep the capitalist balloon afloat is to throw overboard some of the plundering privileges of capitalism. By this the pressure on the people may be eased up a little and the situation made somewhat more bearable. But in this he is merely feeding the revolt, for revolt does not come from the utterly crushed. It comes rather from those who have the stamina to fight and the enlightenment to see the need of fighting. The capitalist system is now up for examination and everything that is done to strengthen the "plain folks" simply makes them more persistent fighters for economic justice. And "every wrong killed" will avail naught so long as the great and underlying wrong is left intact: The confiscation from the working class of the wealth it has produced through the capitalist wage system.

It is practically fifty years since the infamous Dred Scott decision was handed down by the United States supreme court. It was a decision in favor of slave owners. Small in itself as a mere piece of written paper, it had tremendous consequences. Think of the history that has been made in this country because of it. It brought the slavery question up for settlement in double quick. It helped bring into existence the Republican party, started as a party for human rights, although now become the party of high capitalism. The Dred Scott decision was handed down with all the sacredness that attaches to acts of a court of "supreme justice" but the people were aroused to action and soon showed how much they thought of its sacredness.

A new Dred Scott decision has just been handed down by "our" supreme court—it has decided that the constitutional right of release on habeas corpus proceedings is no right at all when it is in the interests of Standard Oil capitalism to set it at naught. Some two years ago there was a tremendous labor war in Colorado between the plutocratic mine owners who also owned the state government and the men forced by economic pressure to slave in the mines. The capitalistic government of the state resolved

itself into a military despotism and shot down mine workers and their sympathizers or threw them into "bull pens," or deported them out of the state in a frenzied attempt to smash the union. Human life and human rights had no meaning to them.

The president of the Western Federation of Miners was imprisoned several months in one of these pens on a trumped up charge of having plotted to blow up a mine, whereas Carroll D. Wright, who was sent by the government to investigate the Colorado affair reported suspicious circumstances that indicated that such tragedies had been instigated by the mine owners' association in order to throw suspicion on the men and give an excuse for legally and illegally persecuting them. In line with this sort of tactics was the more recent attempt to connect the officials of the miners' union with the assassination of ex-Gov. Steunenberg of Idaho, and the kidnapping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone out of Colorado by a special train and the landing of them in jail in Idaho. The United States constitution says: "The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it." But when the lawyer for the imprisoned men sought by habeas corpus proceedings to force a speedy trial, the right of such a writ was denied, and now, after months of dreary waiting in prison, the men are informed by the supreme court of the United States that this constitutional guarantee is a right they cannot use.

It is a monstrous decision, against which every fiber in the body of the true American lover of liberty and justice must revolt. As an indication of what capitalism proposes to do to its victims throughout this country in time, this decision comes with staggering force. It would seem to indicate that our hope that the people can come into their own without bloodshed has been too sanguine. In striking down one of the supports of American safety and security of individual citizenship the supreme court is sowing the wind. These be ominous times!

The *Evening Wisconsin* of Milwaukee is becoming a rabid Socialist-baiter. The other day it made itself ridiculous by saying that if Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco was a Socialist and if he had been crooked in his administration "then it certainly looked bad for the Socialists!" Schmitz is not a Socialist and never was, but although this fact has now been made clear, we have failed to read anything in the editorial columns of the *Wisconsin* to the effect that Schmitz, being an anti-Socialist and being in all likelihood a crook, the case therefore looks pretty bad for the anti-Socialists! Catch it writing anything like that—what's the sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander in such a case!

Then here's another fulmination of the *Wisconsin*: In a recent issue it tells its readers that Tom Watson "the Socialist" has retired from *Tom Watson's Magazine*, and is about to start another magazine down south. Tom Watson a Socialist! That's the limit. Why, Watson would drop poison in a Socialist's well if he thought he could do it without being caught. Ever since he hooked up with the unspeakable blackmailer, Col. Mann of New York, Watson has spent most of his time in making venomous attacks on Socialism, even carrying his spleen so far as to attack Sinclair's book, "The Jungle," because it was full of Socialism. Tom and the *Evening Wisconsin* look pretty much alike to us, even though their capital may be invested in different blood-sucking directions!

The best way to make holes in the line of the enemy is to load your batteries with Socialist literature.

Some Editorial Comment.

"The Jungle" has been translated into the Finnish language under the title of "Chicago." A good synonym.

Emperor William's "latest" was the declaration in an address to the men of the German flag ship that one of the things a drowning sailor should have in mind was his employer.

Taft, who had the dishonor of practically issuing the first anti-labor injunction, ought to be somewhat interested in the president's discussion of the abuse of the courts in that direction.

Socialism was recently debated at Cambridge university, England, and much to the surprise of the Socialists they received seventy out of the 170 votes that were cast to decide the debate.

The state factory inspector of Illinois will propose an increase in factory inspectors at the next meeting of the legislature and the establishment of a bureau for the investigation of industrial diseases and accidents.

Equality of opportunity—for the fleecers of labor! That's what the president's anti-swollen fortunes crusade really means. And yet we welcome it. Anything that centers attention on the workings of the capitalist system helps Socialism in the final analysis.

It is funny to see the professors take sides on Socialism. And we are pleased to note that for every one against there appear to be three or four for. And those that are against are usually self-confessed mouthpieces of the rich, whose favors they doubtless court for personal advancement. One of these latter is Prof. J. Laurence Laughlin, who spoke before the national Peace-site convention this past week. He proceeded to define a Socialist as "a man who had failed in life," and after such a venal beginning his whole case was prejudiced with every fair minded man who read the reports of his "harangue." Socialism advances in the public estimation every time it is attacked with the mud batteries of hate and false witness.

The latest scheme of the medical fakery is to pay for news space in daily papers and give prescriptions which the reader can go to a drug store and have made up of his own accord, but one of the ingredients is always a proprietary article which the schemer supplies to the drug stores. Patent medicines are now somewhat under suspicion because of recent exposures and so this new scheme has been hatched by which the patent medicine is bought as a mere ingredient of a "cure" that can be self-mixed. It works because the newspapers are willing to trick their readers providing they can make money out of it.

The Socialist and Labor people made big gains in most of the British municipalities in the recent elections, but in London there was an apparent falling off. In Scotland cities there was a gain of twelve and a loss of one, in the cities of England outside of London there was a gain of thirty-seven and a loss of twenty, and in London there was a gain of fifteen and a loss of forty-two. Several years ago says the *London Labour Leader*, in tabulating the nominally Labor contests it was found that more than half of the candidates masquerading under the name of "Labor" at the November elections were nominees of Liberal organizations. This has now practically ceased. This would seem to explain why seeming Labor losses really signify nothing.

The news dispatches tell us that a first consignment of fifty casks of River Jordan water is now on its way to this country and that more is to follow from the Holy Land. This little piece of news looks innocent enough until one gets the full particulars. The fact is that the capitalists have now fastened on the historic parts of Palestine and mean to exploit it to the greatest possible extent. The Jordan water scheme is but the beginning. It will be sent all over Christendom, the syndicate having secured a concession by which the water is cornered. Following this, efforts have been made to create the custom of using Jordan water at all Christenings, a thing not hard to do, and this demand will mean millions or millions for the speculators. This thing of capitalizing the places made sacred through association with the life of the Nazarine will be something of a shock to the faithful.

"The Church as a Business Investment," reads a heading in a magazine. That's well put, for religion has become commercialized in some directions the same as

everything else. It reminds one of the spectacle of the dedication of a big cathedral at Richmond, Va., by the papal delegate and Cardinal Gibbons, the cathedral having been built as a gift to the church by the high finance scoundrel Ryan of Wall street. Ryan certainly regards the church as a business investment.

Just what a state of things Roosevelt found when he reached Panama will probably never be known. It seems hardly possible that reputable magazine writers would have put their names to accounts of things actually seen without there being some warrant in fact for their statements. The first mistake alleged was in setting men competent in railway work and finance to build a canal where experts in hydraulic engineering were really required. It is claimed that the government has let loose on the people of the Panama zone a lot of hungry politicians, who in holding various and sundry offices plunder the people right and left and exact "all the traffic will bear," to use a Yankee coinage. It is charged that the abandoned French machinery worth millions of dollars has been ditched by the American diggers in order that business may be made for American builders of such things. These are only a few of the many disclosures and scandal was naturally bound to come, hence the hurried trip of the president.

Ever heard of Thomas F. Ryan, one of the smooth Wall street rascals who get swollen rich without ever doing a stitch of honest work? Ever read Thomas Lawson's exposures of Ryan's crooked high finance methods? Of course you have. Ryan stands typical of frenzied capitalist plunder. And like Rockefeller and other high up robbers he resorts to the old method of buying a good name—he buys church whitewash. He has just given a cathedral to the Catholic church at Richmond, Va., and it is not called the Catholic cathedral but the "Ryan cathedral," which is certainly right. But who do you suppose went to Richmond to dedicate this monument of plutocratic thievery? Why, Cardinal Gibbons, for one. And Apostolic Delegate Falconio, for another. And many archbishops and bishops from all over the country—all hastened to Richmond to help receive this tainted structure into the fold and to thus blaspheme the spirit of the Nazarine who drove money-changers out of the temple!

And Theodore Roosevelt the august president of these United States practically starts off his message to congress with a consideration of the labor injunction! What does this signify, unless that the abuse of the labor injunction is a thing too apparent to be passed by in silence! Capitalist judges, class loving judges, who consider that they are on the bench to help capitalism keep society stratified, have issued injunctions against labor in almost any extreme terms that the corporation lawyers have desired. These corporation lawyers have written out the injunctions and the judges have signed without putting the stuff in their own style of writing. Had the capitalist class been the victims of a thing so monstrous this country would have fairly rocked with indignation and protest and it would have been one of the great questions, only it would have been soon put out of the way by abolishing the briquetry. But although labor is the under dog the naughty agitators have kept at the thing so persistently that the question has been forced into public notice and a Republican president has felt called upon to publicly, in effect, rebuke the corporation judges for their wretched work. Good for the agitators!

Says the *Labor Leader*: It is an ancient superstition which has been sedulously fostered by the people's pastors and masters that the art of government is a state secret known only to the members of the governing caste. Superstition dies hard! how hard may be seen from an incident which has recently taken place in Germany.

By means of the Social-Democratic vote a new burgomaster or mayor named Franke, has been elected at Pforten. Now Franke is a Socialist; what is more, he is a shoemaker. The minority, imbued with the old superstition, are horrified beyond measure. Shoemaking and Socialism, they consider, are enough to damn any man. As a shoemaker, they allege, he cannot be qualified to deal with grave and weighty questions; and as a Socialist he is an enemy of existing institutions. Therefore, they say, he is intellectually and morally disqualified for the post to which he has been elevated, and on these grounds they are petitioning the authorities to annul his election.

How the System Eats Us!

Philadelphia *North American*: How can I make ends meet? This is the question with which nine-tenths of the housewives of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania are struggling today.

The cost of food, fuel, clothing, furnishings, rents, servant hire and all other items of household expenses has increased to such proportions that the problem of making the weekly income meet the actual living expenses is becoming a serious one in every community.

Where \$5 or \$6 formerly provided for a workingman's table, the same quantity and quality of food now costs him \$8 and \$10 a week. A pair of shoes which five years ago could be purchased for \$3.50 now cost \$5. A suit of clothes, which cost \$18 to \$25 four years ago, cannot now be purchased for less than \$25 to \$35.

A dress which formerly cost \$10 is now \$15, and the material is not so good as in the days when the price was less. Underwear that was 50 cents a garment is now 75 cents. Stockings that were 25 cents are now 35 cents. Flannels, cotton goods, blankets, gingham, gloves, furniture and carpets, have all advanced from 20 to 50 per cent in price during the last five years.

Houses which in 1902 rented for \$18 are now \$22 a month. And rents are still going up. The increases in real estate values and in the cost of labor and building materials have contributed to this.

The statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor show an increase in the cost of food alone during the last ten years of almost 50 per cent. This is the average for the whole country. The increase in Pennsylvania has been greater than almost anywhere else.

It is shown by the government's figures that bacon has advanced 43.5 per cent; potatoes, 43.1 per cent; eggs, 41.8 per cent; dry or pickled pork, 31.9 per cent; fresh pork, 30 per cent; flour, 29.3 per cent; and cornmeal, 28.6 per cent. These are the articles selected by the Bureau of Labor as the staples of a workingman's bill of fare. The increase in the price of beef has been even greater than the figures given here, and other items of diet have increased accordingly.

As to People and Things.

This morning when I got on the train I opened the window, as my custom is, leaned out and patted on the car beneath the window a little Socialist sticker:

"WORK—BEG—STEAL—"
Only three ways to get a living. If you get yours the first way your interests will be served by a vote for Socialism."

Some train men standing near the track saw it and one of them came over to read it. He went back to the others and began an impromptu and enthusiastic speech which proved him a brother and a comrade. He looked up at me and the train moved off, and smiled and took off his hat. I had never seen him before and it was contrary to the laws of etiquette for me to bow and smile as though he were an old friend. But I did.

Have you ever observed, that women are, as a rule, more snobbish than men? I met a girl once who teaches school in a little town and waits on people in her mother's hotel and tries to live an intellectual life in a barren waste of ignorance and mediocrity. She is starving—literally starving—for books, and music, and leisure, and travel, and enlightenment. But she does not belong to the working class. Oh, no! Horrors, no! She went with me to the opera house and heard me speak. Afterward, sitting on the hearth in my room, toasting ourselves before a wood fire, she told me that she was almost frightened at first. My audience were all workmen. Afterward, she said, some well-dressed people came in, to her great relief. I told her it was workmen I wanted in my audience and tried to explain why. Whether I made it plain to her is doubtful. Nearly two years later I saw her again. She is beginning to look a little thin, a little soiled, but she maintains her pose of superiority to mere workers and her twelfth-rate

the poor girl? Maybe so. The surgeon is hard on people, but they are sometimes glad of it afterward. And I say unto you, there is no hope for us, the people, until we drop these inane imitations of upper-class conventionalities and stand shoulder to shoulder for the Cause.

If that girl had only known it, she was safer in that crowd of workmen than if it had been a crowd of millionaires. I once called my mother's attention to an account of an Anna Held dinner—I mean a stage dinner of millionaires—at which Anna Held danced. The men to whom God, in his infinite wisdom, has given the earth and the fullness thereof, must have been drinking heavily, for they interpreted literally Anna Held's song, "Oh, won't you come and play with me." In the ensuing stampede nothing but her manager's intervention saved her—and he rushed her to her carriage in tears and tatters.

Mamma was not only horrified, she was alarmed.

"You go around all alone," she said. "You haven't even a manager."

And I answered indignantly: "No, but I don't associate with millionaires."

And she agreed with me that that makes all the difference in the world.

Later (at Coal Creek)—I have just been told a pathetic story of the mines. A woman whose husband was killed in the Fraterville explosion, where one hundred and eighty-seven men and boys were sacrificed to one man's greed, said that her husband told her that morning that he had felt every morning for two or three days, when he went into the mine, as if he never would see the light again. He kept turning his head and looking back as long as he could see the light, with a horrible foreboding in his

imitation of Mrs. Van Biltmore's air of exclusiveness.

Do you think I'm too hard on heart. After he kissed her goodby and started to work he looked back and tried to smile—a pitiful, twisted smile it was, sadder than tears, and she said, "When they brought him back to me he had that same smile on his face." They all knew the mine was unsafe. One man, whose wife urged him not to go to work that morning answered, "We didn't have work last week and we've got this furniture to pay for. I have to work."

Those were the last words he said to her except goodby. "I have to work."

Truly, the lash of hunger is the best slave-driver.

One old man came out of the mine that morning and warned the boss that an explosion might occur at any minute. He was not thanked for his pains. The boss said, "You'd better not go to stirring up any excitement among the men if you know what's good for you. Either keep your mouth shut or take your bucket and get off this hill."

The old man went back into the mine—he had to work—but before he reached the place where he had been working the explosion met him and hurled him against the wall, fatally injuring him. He crawled out a little way, so he could breathe. He was the only one carried out alive. He died in a few hours.

No, the boss was not a murderer, he was only ignorant and incompetent. He died with the men in the mine. But under Socialism this could not have happened, for the men would elect their own boss, superintendent, inspector, etc. The men who risk their lives to furnish heat and light and power for us know better than any bloody capitalist what sort of conditions they need under ground.

It is incomprehensible—it is both tragic and absurd—that the American voting king, who would shed his last drop of blood against one-man tyranny in government, bows his neck meekly beneath the heel of the little two-by-four "boss" who holds in his hands the power of a czar—the power of life and death.

—May Beals.

Socialistic Miscellany.

The Capitalist Mind.

Upton Sinclair has met the "worker with the capitalist mind," as what Socialist has not? He thus describes him:

"You would begin talking to some poor devil who had worked in one shop for the last thirty years, and had never been able to save a penny; who left home every morning at six o'clock, to go to a machine, and came back at night too tired to take his clothes off; who had never traveled, never had an adventure, never learned anything, never hoped anything—and when you started to tell him anything about Socialism he would sniff and say, 'I'm not interested in that—I'm an individualist!' And then he would go on and tell you that Socialism was 'paternalism,' and that if ever it had its way the world would stop progressing. It was enough to make a mule laugh to hear arguments like that; and yet it was no laughing matter as you found out—for how many millions of poor deluded wretches there were, whose lives have been so stunted by capitalism that they no longer knew what freedom was! And they really thought that it was 'individualism' for tens of thousands of them to herd together and obey the orders of a steel magnate, and produce hundreds of millions of dollars of wealth for him, and then let him give them libraries; while for them to take the industry, and run it to suit themselves, and build their own libraries—that would be 'paternalism!'"

Capitalist Prosperity.

Almost fabulous in their extent are the figures made public November 22, 1906, by the Interstate Commerce Commission of the earnings of the American railroads for the year ending June 30, 1906. This was in the nature of a preliminary report on the income account of the railroads of the country, and it covers returns for railway companies operating 220,026.44 miles of lines. These include the lines operated under trackage rights, or about 99 per cent of the mileage that will be covered by the final report on the statistics of railroads for the year. The total gross earnings of the roads as shown in the report under consideration were \$2,319,760,030, being equivalent to \$10.543 per mile; passenger earnings were \$618,555,934, or \$2.811 per mile, and freight earnings \$1,640,942,862, or \$7.458 per mile. Operating expenses were \$1,532,163,163, or \$6.921 per mile. The net earnings of the roads were \$787,596,877, being \$3.850 per mile, and nearly \$97,000,000 more than the corresponding amount reported for the previous year. The amount reported as income from sources other than operation was \$132,624,982. This amount includes a few duplications due to the method of accounting followed by certain of the carriers. Adding this amount to net earnings from operation gives \$920,221,859. Against this amount were charged as interest, rents, betterments, taxes and miscellaneous items, the sum of \$500,386,554, and as dividends the sum of \$229,406,598, leaving a surplus for the year of \$100,428,707. The taxes paid during the year were \$68,903,288. The final report of the year ended June 30, 1905, showed a surplus of \$80,043,490. The amount of dividends declared in 1906 was \$34,248,605 more than that shown for the dividends of practically the same roads in 1905. This preliminary report

relates to operating roads only, and does not include the statements of any dividends paid by leased lines from the income they received as rent. The dividends declared by the subsidiary released lines for the year 1905 were about \$35,750,000. Where does our American sovereign, Mr. Wage Slave, come in?—St. Louis Labor.

Channing on the Working Class.

From W. E. Channing's lecture on the Elevation of the Laboring Classes, written in 1840.

Can the workman here stand his ground against the half famished, ignorant workmen of Europe, who will toil for any wages, and who never think of redeeming an hour for personal improvement? Is there no danger that, with increasing intercourse with Europe, we shall import the striking fearful contrasts which there divide one people into separate nations? Sooner than that our laboring class should become a European populace, a good man would almost wish that perpetual hurricane should sever wholly the two hemispheres. Heaven preserve us from the anticipated benefits of nearer connection with Europe if with these must come the degradation which we see or read of among the squalid poor of her great cities, among the overworked operatives of her manufacturing, among her ignorant and half brutalized peasants! Anything, everything, should be done to save us from the social evils which deform the Old World, and to build up here an intelligent, right minded, self respecting population. If this end should require us to change our present mode of life, to narrow our foreign connections, to desist from the race of commercial and manufacturing competition with Europe; if it should require that our great cities cease to grow, and that a large portion of our trading population should return to labor these requisitions ought to be obeyed. One thing is plain, that our present civilization contains strong tendencies to the intellectual and moral depression of the large portion of the community.

Many of you busy yourselves with other questions, such as the probable result of the next election of president. But these are insignificant compared with the

great question, whether the laboring classes here are destined to the lower ranks of Europe, or whether they can secure to themselves the means of intellectual and moral progress.

Some Philanthropy.

Half the world does not know how the other half lives; and if the half who think they know would attend to their own business, the remainder would be all the better off. But Mr. Cashier cannot see any reason why Mr. Day Laborer's family should "be so wretchedly poor"—if they would only "spend his wages judiciously," and proceeds to dress a 25-cent dinner (in theory) with a \$5 "trimming." Even the great economist, Carl Schurz, one idiotically remarked that the "poverty of the laboring classes was due to their buying in small quantities, instead of taking advantage of the markets."

When fifty wants are taken from \$40, how much is left with which to "take advantage" of anything?

In the name of arithmetic, how can they buy in anything but small quantities when every dollar must be apportioned among a dozen wants, and an excess of any one when there is a reduction in the market means going without many other absolute necessities? Attenuated dyspepsias have figured that an ordinary sized family can live on 11 to 10 cents per day and get rich on the surplus; but a man who earns a living for himself and family by his muscle needs something more substantial than fractions.

These people are on a par with a leading publication which gravely announced recently that no household need dread unexpected company if she "knew how to utilize the leftovers," and the "leftovers" in this special case were "some cream, a few eggs, a 'little' cheese, 'brown and white bread,' a 'can' of fruit, and 'bits' of roast beef." A family that can keep such samples of "leftovers" on tap did not need any philanthropic suggestion.—Ex.

As the report of the Socialist vote throughout the country comes in it is to be noticed that the places reporting the highest vote and an increase are the industrial centers where Socialists are active in the trade union movement of that locality. In other words, where there are enough Socialists active in the American Federation of Labor unions in the various cities there, in spite of the reactionary and conservative policy of the A. F. L., the Socialist vote is increasing. We may mention numerous cities to prove our assertion. Chief among them are Milwaukee, St. Louis and Cleveland. In Milwaukee, especially, the Socialists have elected five assemblymen—all officers of the Central Labor Union.—Buffalo Herald.

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The Senate a Success!

The American public, that most long suffering beast of burden, is becoming suspicious of the United States Senate. One would say it is about time. They even talk of so amending the constitution as to provide for the election of the United States Senators by the people. Several state conventions have recently demanded such an amendment.

We say, down with the Senate altogether. Abolish it totally. It has stood long enough as the bulwark of the rights of property against the rights of men. And that was just what it was designed to be. The framers of the United States constitution wanted the Senate to act as a "brake". They regarded the people of the United States as a sort of runaway wagon. They wanted to put the brakes on popular government.

The constitution of the United States was in fact a compromise, the capitalistic and conservative element, which was in the majority at the constitutional convention of 1787, viewed the common people with deep distrust. As an offset to the popularly elected House of Representatives they created the aristocratic Senate. It was a splendid trick. The people thought they had a free, popular, representative government. It has taken them one hundred and seventeen years to get their eyes open to the fact that they were humbugged. And their eyes are not wide open yet.

It was an old trick—not unlike that played upon the Roman plebeians, when the Roman Senate was established. In consequence, as Lewis Morgan well says in his "Ancient Society", "As a whole, the Roman government was anomalous. The patchwork of its composition was the product of the superior craft of the wealthy classes who intended to seize the substance of power while they pretended to respect the rights and interests of all."

The United States Senate has not been a failure. It has been a tremendous success. It has fulfilled its mission. While slavery was the great capitalistic interest of America, the Senate was the "dough-face" slave of the slaveholders. While the trusts and corporations were yet in their infancy, the Senate at once became the pliant tool of the trusts and corporations. That is no more surprising than that a hammer should drive nails, or a saw cut wood, or any other tool do just the work for which it was made.

And the Senate will be needed to do one more work for capitalism. The capitalists will use the United States Senate as a "brake" against the rise of Socialist ideas among the people. The Senate will be about the last stronghold for the Socialists to capture. And in fact they will never take it except by despoiling it.

Senator Bailey of Texas, who is making a fight for his life, in his own home state, is even now trying to divert popular fury by attacking the Socialists. "It would be hard," he says, "to be a good man and be a Socialist." The people of Texas might ask whether Joe Bailey is an expert judge of "good" men. But it makes little difference whether they ask him this and other knotty questions, such as the query which they are steadily firing at him, "Why don't you sue the much-rakers for libel?" He will probably outride this storm and bob up serenely in the Senate for another six years, and then retort on the people of Texas with Boss Tweed's still unsolved conundrum, "What are you going to do about it?"

The best answer in this case is—abolish the Senate outright. We want no "brake" upon the will of the people. If legislation needs a brake, apply it through the referendum. The capitalists have had the inside track long enough. Now let us clear the way for Social Democracy.—The Vanguard.

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My, how the comrades go after those squares on the deficit. If they keep it up this way the bills will all soon be paid.

There's something doing at Lake Mills, too. Comrade Hunziker is out after scalps.

Comrades everywhere should take advantage of the generous offer the HERALD is making. It offers to send sample copies for three weeks to such names as the comrades send in.

Our old friend, Comrade Rogers, who has started the movement in two or three places already, is getting into the game again at Eagle River.

Comrade Babcock and others at Grand Rapids are keeping the ball rolling.

HILBERT is unorganized, but there certainly are some vigorous comrades up there. Several have sent in contributions on the deficit.

AUGUSTA and HUMBOLDT will soon have locals organized we hope.

We are getting letters from new places almost every day inquiring about Socialism.

A friend from Hartford, a preacher, by the way, writes that he likes our program but has doubts about old age pensions and life insurance. He ought to read up and see what other countries are doing.

PAY UP DUES.

Many of the locals are paying up

their dues so as to be ready to start the new year with a clean record. Every comrade ought to see that his local dues are all paid up before the end of the year.

A FEW SWIPES AT THE DEFICIT.

Comrade Johnson of Amery knocks off a dollar. Comrade Bach of Appleton takes a \$1.50 square; Miles of Ashland hits a blow you could hear for miles—\$2.50; Comrade Frank Weber of Milwaukee donates all of his expenses and two days' time making \$16.52 in all, and that wipes out one bill; Comrade Seidel follows suit and contributes \$20.00. Comrade Ruffin of Luck sends a dollar; Schlegel of Marshfield wipes off a dollar just to show that they aren't dead yet up there.

But, Oh my! Just look in the Milwaukee column and see what those fellows are doing to the deficit! They wiped out \$500.00 of that deficit already! The comrades outside have added \$74.07 more to that.

Comrade Gaylord will return from his lecture tour from the east this week and will take up the work of state organization.

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The committee having in charge the arrangements of the prize Schafkopf Tournament arranged by the Eleventh ward branch, reports a large number of tickets sold, and a large number of prizes solicited, ready to be distributed among the winners. The tournament will take place on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, at Henry Schmidt's hall, corner Twenty-first avenue and Rogers street.

The Freie Sanger doppel quartette has arranged for a concert and ball Saturday evening, Dec. 15, at N. Petersen's hall, and everybody who wants to spend an enjoyable time is cordially invited.

There are still a large number of subscription cards which have been circulated by the branches, which, however have not been sent into the campaign committee. The branches should see to it that this is done at once. Please take it up at your next meeting.

Don't forget, and try to help us wipe out the campaign deficit, comrades. Send in, we care not how small the amount. Contributions will be welcome, and amounts received for in our party papers.

A mistake in last week's campaign fund occurred as follows: The Nineteenth ward branch was credited with \$20 when it should have been \$30.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

SUNDAY, Dec. 9, 2:30 P. M.—Cudahy branch, Scheinbein's hall.

MONDAY, Dec. 10, 2:30 P. M.—County Central Committee, Giljohann's hall, 274 West Water street.

TUESDAY, Dec. 11.—First ward branch, R. L. Schmidt's hall, 836 North Water street.

South Milwaukee branch, Milwaukee avenue.

Twelfth ward branch, Raschig's hall, Buffum and Chambers streets.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12.—Nineteenth ward branch, Eckelmann's hall, 3109 Lisbon avenue.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13.—Seventeenth ward branch, Odd Fellows' hall, corner Potter and Kinnickinnic avenues.

Twelfth ward branch, Hoeft's hall, 961 Kinnickinnic avenue.

Sixteenth ward branch, 38 29th street.

South Side Polish section, corner Second avenue and Mitchell street.

2 P. M.—West Side Women's club, Petersen's hall, 2714 North avenue.

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2 P. M.—North Side Women's club, H. Lutz's residence, 1248 Burleigh street.

FRIDAY, Dec. 14.—Sixth ward branch, Bauch's hall, Third street and North avenue.

Eighth ward branch, Mann's hall,

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During the past week considerable space has been given in the daily press to the failure of the Social-Democrats to elect their candidate for district attorney, who ran behind the ticket and was therefore beaten by McGovern by 124 votes. Thiel's defeat lay in the fact that he lacked the confidence of many of the older members of the party, some of whom manifested their feeling at the polls. The immediate cause of this feeling was his refusal to abide by the party constitution which demands that candidates sign resignation blanks as a means of carrying out the principle of the "recall" in case an elected official proves recreant to his trust and to

his party pledges. But Thiel's charge that the party members at headquarters passed the word to defeat him for that reason is untrue. There was not time to bring his refusal regularly to the party organization and in order not to endanger the success of the ticket he was shielded, although the campaign committee was as much displeased with his conduct as the members who knew about it. Many old and tried members, however, who demanded to know if he had signed, held that his action released him from any party obligation to support him, and Thiel's conduct since he was defeated shows that the party instinct of these members was right.

Socialists will not soon forget the offensive manner in which an assistant of the district attorney, a lawyer named Hayes, conducted the prosecution of our Comrade Eckelmann in connection with the Stiglauer case, just after the spring election. As representing the district attorney's office it was Hayes' duty to make as strong a fight as he could, legitimately. But he went farther than that. Well knowing that there were several Catholics on the jury, Hayes being himself a Catholic, he appealed to every low prejudice that he thought would move them, and made the case so much of a persecution that the jury men went round town afterward openly boasting of how they "had fixed the Socialists." One of the mean assaults of Hayes was to the effect that the Socialists wanted to shoot down people, and to emphasize his dirty attack he went through the motions of aiming a gun, at the same time belittling all sorts of slanders. From this you can have an idea of the level of the man Hayes. Now note the sequel.

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for district attorney did not mingle with the members of our party at Freie Genemide hall, where they were receiving the returns amid the good fellowship which such a time calls so strongly to the surface. On the contrary, he kept himself hidden in a court commissioner's office in the Germania building surrounded by lawyers belonging to other parties. Among them was Hayes! And Hayes was glowing whenever the returns seemed to indicate the election of Thiel. In other words he was playing a double game, such as is easy to an old party lawyer—"Messrs. Eithersides," as Macaulay once called them. Hayes evidently had his job in mind. If McGovern was re-elected he would undoubtedly be reappointed. If Thiel was elected it would be a good thing to have been sitting up with him receiving the returns!

Here we have the lawyer Hayes lighted up from two sides, and it is well to take a good look at him. For now that our party has reached large proportions in Milwaukee and has, moreover, shown absolute weathering qualities in spite of the money-drench and the personal precinct work of the capitalist opposition, it begins to look attractive to the politicians and men like Hayes who will be among the first to want to get on the inside.

That Kruska and his treatment of the Polish printers in the printing office of the *Kuryer Polski* is well known to the Polish people of the south side, was well shown the past week, when a monster crowd filled the South Side armory for an annual Polish patriotic festival. Somehow the *Kuryer Polski* people got control of the arrangements of the meeting and planned to give especial prominence to the program to a man named Litko, a strike breaking printer in the office of the paper. But the Polish people did not relish this attempt to use the meeting against the printers who are striking for a living wage. They saw that Litko was down as one of the principle speakers. When it came his turn to speak there were cries of "scab" from all over the house, and the moment he started in to speak those present began to applaud and they kept on applauding until Litko, unable to get in a word, was called off the program by the committee. The Poles are a demonstrative people, and the *Kuryer* people having gotten control of the arrangements, there was no way left to show their disapproval but to kill the offensive speaker with a superabundance of "approval." And it was effective.

Ald. Seidel will try to have the city attorney begin mandamus proceedings to compel the street railway company to give decent service on outer Twelfth street, where the "dinky" now runs. But if the city attorney goes at it as slowly as he went at the ordinance compelling the street railway to sprinkle its tracks, Beggs will keep on smiling his accustomed "smile." The suit over the sprinkling of the tracks was delayed through the inattention of the city attorney, and his denials do not change that fact.

Senator Rummel will present a minority report to the state senate as a member of the senate commission to investigate the insurance companies. The other members will urge state regulation but Comrade Rummel will go farther than that and recommend state ownership. State regulation will always be inadequate to correct abuses that are inseparable from a public service in which private interests are pitted against the public interest.

Jones Island residents are asking that the island be parked. And if the city has any humanity at all it will accede to the request. The island presents a splendid opportunity and can be made very valuable to the people of the city—but one thing must not be forgotten.

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AT THE THEATERS.

DAVIDSON.
The Milwaukee Press Club will have a benefit at the Davidson next Wednesday evening, when the great American actor, William H. Crane and Ellis Jeffry's will appear in Charles Frohman's revival of the sterling Goldsmith comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer." It will be a notable occasion, and a large house is expected. The entire lower floor sells at \$2, the balcony at \$1.50 and \$1, and the gallery at 50 cents. Mail orders can be sent to Charles Dean, Associated Press office, 405 Broadway.

ALHAMBRA.
Williams and Walker and their big musical comedy, "Abyssinia" numbering a producing company of eighty people, will commence a week's engagement at the Alhambra tomorrow, and it is stated that this engagement will be one of the feature weeks of the season at this theater. As for the two leading



comedy spirits, both are practically too well known to require formal introduction. While in London both Williams and Walker appeared before the royal family at Buckingham palace and received the personal thanks of King Edward. Their present tour to "Abyssinia" has been a triumphant one and cities like St. Louis, Louisville, Kansas City and recently Chicago, have paid high tribute to this big musical production. The music of "Abyssinia" was written principally by Marion Cole for an orchestra of twenty-eight pieces and the regular Alhambra orchestra will be augmented during the visit of "Abyssinia."

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Who has the brick? Wittig or the ward? These are questions that are puzzling Second Warders just now, and incidentally the Board of Public Works is said to have been reluctantly drawn into the tangle.

When the railway contractors were tearing up Sixth street a few weeks ago to put down their rails they discarded a lot of the vitrified brick with which that thoroughfare is paved, and it is alleged that \$100's worth were purchased out of the ward fund, it being considered valuable material to have on hand in case the street needed patching up.

as it probably will before long, considering who it was that did the original paving. The brick were to be hauled to the ward lot and stored, but they never reached their intended destination. Instead they mysteriously vanished and then—presto!—is alleged that they suddenly made their appearance in front of 648 Island avenue, where lives Rudolph Senz, the father-in-law of Second Ward Alderman Wittig. The ward foreman, Einem, who has no great admiration for Ald. Wittig is said to have reported the matter to the Board of Public Works, over a week ago and said board has paid no attention to the matter. At least so goes the rumor.

And the Second ward people are wondering.

THE PENSION FUND FIGHT.

There is considerable churning of the waters under the cold icy surface in the matter of the Milwaukee police and firemen pension law, for the amendment of which a fight has been going on for several years. A bill to take the unfair kinks out of the law was presented at the last session of the legislature. Prior to that a fight was made by the Socialist aldermen in the Milwaukee common council to get some relief for the men, in which the law was shown to be a chiefs' pet, as it enabled them to play the czar to almost any degree they wished. The chiefs went out to Madison in the private car of Charles Pfister and lobbied to kill the bill, and did kill it. But it is coming up at the coming session and the chiefs are again uneasy.

Recently the Clancy machine in the fire department sent its trustees round to the men to get them to sign a paper showing how many favored a change in the law. It was a dizzy scheme to trap some unwary fellows into admitting that they favored the bill so as to mark them for dismissal on some trumped-up charge later on. And they were smart enough not to commit themselves.

Chief Janssen is preparing to fight the bill at Madison tooth and nail, while Chief Clancy, now under grand jury indictment, doesn't dare to do open lobbying, and will work in other ways. And it appears that the two chiefs are now bent on changing the law themselves, only not in the way of betterment but so that it will be a still greater snap for themselves. Clancy is in fear of the outcome of his indictment. He wants the law changed

so that even if he goes to jail he will still be entitled to retire on a pension when the twenty-five years are up.

The most monstrous provision of the present law is that no matter how long and faithfully a member of either force has served the chief has it in his power to discharge him for alleged cause even shortly before the time he could retire on a pension and he then loses the pension and the two dollars he has been paying into the fund each month during all the preceding years. And the chief is absolute, and if he cares to can thus protect the fund against almost every member who nears the time that he can draw a pension from it. The case of Patrolman Weber, which was shown up in the common council, indicated this. And, by the way, only the other day an evening paper said that Chief Janssen had offered to leave the Weber case to any unbiased men Weber might name, and that Weber did not take him up. The facts were just the opposite. Weber proposed such a plan to Janssen and offered a hun-

dred dollars besides if the verdict was against him, and Janssen did not take him up.

The present pension law of the two Milwaukee departments is a scandal on the fairness of the city in its official capacity. And it should be amended, not in favor of the chiefs, but in favor of the men.

The Milwaukee Southern railway will not be built this winter.

the newspapers inform us, after again trying to draw something tangible about that mysterious enterprise out of the wily promoter, Wood. He said he did not care to discuss the plans of the company. As a matter of fact he is no less a mere capitalistic adventurer than he was when he lobbied the aldermen out of a valuable grant by his nerve. He had no bona fide intention of building the road then, to

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNTY COURT IN PROBATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss.

Milwaukee County, ss.

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHANNA KOEPCKE, Deceased.

On this 12th day of December, A. D. 1906, upon reading and filing the petition of MARTIN KOEPCKE, stating that JOHANNA KOEPCKE, of the County of Milwaukee, died intestate, on or about the 19th day of November, 1906, and praying that OTTO KOEPCKE, of some other suitable person, be appointed Administrator of the estate of said deceased.

IT IS ORDERED, That said application be heard before this Court at a regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House, in the City of Milwaukee, on the first Tuesday of January, A. D. 1907, at 9 o'clock A. M., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, on the calendar.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That notice of said application and hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order for three successive weeks, once in each week, in the "Social-Democratic Herald," a newspaper published in said County, prior to said hearing.

By the Court, PAUL D. GARPENTER, County Judge.

RICHARD ELSNER, Attorney at Law.

To Be Independent.

You must save now. NOW while you are earning. You ought to have a bank account, no matter how much or how little you earn. This bank pays 3 per cent. interest on all savings accounts—one dollar will do to start. We will loan you a Pocket Savings Bank free.

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First National Bank**Christmas Jewelry**

Christmas is so near—only twenty days from today. But we have prepared magnificently—Our store is fairly bubbling over with acceptable Christmas suggestions.

TAKE DIAMONDS FOR INSTANCE—We sell only absolutely flawless ones—what a world of pleasure to the recipient, and diamonds never lose their value or become unfashionable. We've a large choosing—both mounted and unmounted—all moderately priced.

Here is a mention or two of acceptable gifts that are very specially priced:

A beautiful diamond ring, in a Tiffany setting made to sell for \$30.00—we sell them for— **\$25.00**
Cuff buttons, solid gold settings, roman and embossed with diamond settings \$5.00 values— **3.50**

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MIGHTY SLAUGHTER SALE of Dependable Clothing for All Ages. We Have About \$75,000 Worth of This High-Grade Ultra Fashionable Clothing Left On Our Hands—and to Dispose of It, In Order to Vacate, We Have Again Brought Forth Our AX and CHOPPED PRICES That Will Move It Out at Once

WE MENTION A FEW OF THE FLYERS FOR NEXT WEEK

A Few FLYERS in MEN'S Suits and Overcoats

250 Medium-Weight Suits, broken lots and sizes, former values from \$8.00 to \$15, all go now in this big sale at

Men's Beaver and Frieze Overcoats, in all sizes and excellent in shape and fit—as a flyer

Men's Irish Frieze Overcoats, were \$15, at

Men's Worsted Suits, all latest patterns, 32-inch length, form-fitting coats, nifty in all respects, were \$18 and \$20.00—as a flyer at

Men's XXX Standard Kersey Overcoats, very snappy, a very rare bargain flyer

Boys' Knee Pants Suits, all sizes—to see them move,	Boys' Overcoats, up-to-date, were \$3, for a few days only,
98c	\$1.75
Boys' Knee Pants Suits, all sizes, fancy worsted, were \$3.00 and \$3.50, all go at	Boys' Overcoats, worth \$5.00 and \$6.00—as a flyer, we say only
\$1.45	\$2.85
Boys' Knee Pants Suits, chevots and fancy worsted, big values at \$4.00 to \$5.00, now	Boys' French Back Overcoats, rich in style and quality, were \$10 and \$12; your choice at
\$2.15	\$7.49
Fleece-Lined Underwear, 50c and 75c values, all go at	A Flyer in Knee Pants—5,000 pairs, all sizes, for a few days,
27c	5c

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Look at This for FLYERS**Men's Furnishing Goods**

100 dozen Men's Negligee Shirts of the latest 1906 patterns, worth 75c—price	37c
75 dozen Men's Shirts, stiff bosoms, white and fancy patterns, worth \$1.00—price	33c
Negligee Shirts, worth \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2—price in this sale	79c
Men's Fleece-Lined Underwear worth 75c—price	39c
Men's Fine Lisle Hose worth 25c per pair—price	5c
Men's Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, fancy borders, worth 25c—price	5c
Men's Silk-Embroidered Suspenders, worth 25c per pair—price	5c
Men's All-Wool (long comb) Austrian Fibre Sweaters, in plain and fancy, worth from \$1.75 to \$3.00—price	79c
100 dozen Ties worth 35c each—price	15c
Macintoshes, in latest styles and best materials, worth from \$8.00 to \$30.00—our price	\$4.85 to \$14.45
Best Work Shirts on earth, worth 75c—price	35c
Men's Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, worth 50c—price	27c

Hat Department

Men's Stiff Hats, in all the latest styles, worth up to \$3.00—price	98c to \$1.98
Men's Fedoras, in black, brown, light and pearl shades, worth \$3.00—all go now in this great sale	98c to \$1.98
Men's Fedoras, in all the newest shades and styles, positively worth \$4.00—price	\$1.85
100 dozen Men's and Boys' Hats	49c
200 dozen Men's and Boys' Caps, none worth less than \$1.00, go at	33c